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SUBJECT: PRINCESS ASHRAF OUTLINES IRAN'S POSITION ON UNGA  
ISSUES

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AS REPORTED REFTEL, PRINCESS ASHRAF ARRIVING NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 13 TO HEAD IRANIAN DELEGATION TO 29TH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN TEHRAN JOURNAL  
OCTOBER 10, ASHRAF GAVE PREVIEW OF POSITIONS HER DELEGA-  
TION WILL TAKE ON VARIOUS UNGA ISSUES. FOLLOWING IS FULL  
TEXT:

QTE: Q. CONSIDERING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE  
WORLD, ECONOMIC AND SOCIO-POLITICAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM  
THIS SITUATION WILL RECEIVE GREAT IMPORTANCE AT THE 29TH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. COULD YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS EXPAND ON  
THE IRANIAN POSITION REGARDING SOME OF THESE ECONOMIC  
ISSUES THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE UN?

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PRINCESS ASHRAF: AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED NATIONS' EXTRA-

ORDINARY SESSION CONVENED LAST SPRING IN NEW YORK TO STUDY MATTERS RELATING TO RAW MATERIAL AND DEVELOPMENT. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROPOSALS MADE AT THIS MEETING WAS THE SHAHANSHAH'S IDEA FOR SETTING UP A NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THIS PROPOSAL, IT WAS STATED THAT THE FUND SHOULD BE MANAGED ON COMPLETELY NEUTRAL GROUNDS BY EQUAL REPRESENTATION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, THE OIL PRODUCING STATES AND THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

UNFORTUNATELY, SINCE THE FUNDS WAS TO BE FINANCED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE OIL PRODUCERS AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED STATES, BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S NON-COOPERATION, THE FUND HAS NOT BECOME A REALITY YET. THE IRANIAN DELEGATION AT THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS FOR REALIZING THIS IDEA WHICH HAS THE FULL SUPORT OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

ANOTHER MATTER WHICH RECEIVED THE FULL ATTENTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION WAS THE SITUATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH RECEIVE A GREATER DEGREE OF DAMAGE FROM THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. DURING THIS UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SET UP AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FUNDS TO HELP THESE COUNTRIES AVOID THE DANGERS OF UPSET BALANCES OF PAYMENTS IN RELATION WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE OIL PRDDUCERS.

SO FAR, A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE THIS ASSISTANCE TO THE FUND AND IRAN HAS ALSO PROMISED TO ALLOCATE \$20 MILLION TO THIS FUND.

HOWEVER, I MUST STRESS THAT IRAN'S HELP DOES NOT END WITH THIS SUM. IRAN HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE AID TO MANY HARD-HIT COUNTRIES THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS INCLUDING EGYPT, INDIA, PAKISTAN, SUDAN, SYRIA AND SENEGAL.

AT THE SAME TIME, IRAN IS WELL AWARE THAT THE WORSENING ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL NO DOUBT ADVERSELY AFFECT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL. THIS IS WHY IRAN ALSO IS CONSIDERING EXTENDING CREDIT TO THOSE INDUSTRIALIZED OFFICIAL USE  
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ALIZED STATES WHICH HAVE PROBLEMS OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. WE

HAVE ALREADY REACHED SOME AGREEMENTS IN THIS RESPECT WITH VARIOUS INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SUCH AS ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

DURING LAST AUGUST'S "POPULATION CONFERENCE" WHICH WAS HELD IN BUCHAREST, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PAID ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE POPULATION PROBLEM COULD NO LONGER BE DEALT WITH AS A PROBLEM INDEPENDENT OF OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. POPULATION POLICY IS OF SUCH A NATURE THAT EVERY

COUNTRY MUST FORMULATE IT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ITS OWN NATIONAL POSITION AND SUCH MATTERS AS ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND MANPOWER.

INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN THIS RESPECT AND ALSO REGARDING THE FOOD PROBLEM FOR WHICH AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVEY NEXT NOVEMBER IN ROME, WILL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF ALL COUNTRIES, AND PRIMARILY THE MAJOR POWERS, PAY ATTENTION TO THE UNIVERSAL DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS AND AVOID SACRIFICING COLLECTIVE INTERESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL ONES.

THE QUESTION OF POPULATION IS RELATED TO THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, BECAUSE THE UNJUSTIFIABLE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR, AND UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN ADDITION TO THE DECAYED SOCIO-ECONOMIC ORDERS, HAVE COLLECTIVELY CAUSED THE SQUANDERING OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS SITUATION HAS TO CHANGE TO A MORE EQUAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER HUMAN REQUIREMENTS IN A BETTER WAY.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD CONFERENCE OF NOVEMBER WILL NO DOUBT TRY TO STRENGTHEN THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE UN IN RECENT YEARS FOR DEALING WITH PRESENT DAY PROBLEMS, AND I HOPE THAT THIS GATHERING WILL BE ABLE TO FIND WAYS TO COPE WITH THE SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND FERTILIZERS WHICH ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SO THAT THE TERM "FOOD SECURITY" WILL BECOME A REALITY.

1. AS YOU KNOW, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE SHAHANSHAH POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR MAKING THE MIDDLE EAST A NON-NUCLEAR ZONE WHILE VISITING RUMANIA IN 1970. NOW THAT THIS IDEA HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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BEEN PROPOSED TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HOW DOES YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS SEE ITS FUTURE?

A. THE SHAHANSHAH'S PROPOSAL, IN ADDITION TO ORIGINATING FROM HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, WAS ALSO PROMPTED BY THE FACT THAT EFFORTS MADE SO FAR TOWARD COMPLETE DISARMAMENT HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, FAILED TO PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULT. SO, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT TO MAKE ANY REGION A NON-NUCLEAR ONE TAKES US ONE STEP NEARER TO THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF HAVING AN EFFECTIVE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT IN THE WORLD.  
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THE PROPOSAL HAS ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE AS WELL BECAUSE IF THIS TROUBLED REGION IS NOT DECLARED A NON-NUCLEAR ZONE, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION WILL TRY TO PRODUCE OR OBTAIN NUCLEAR ARMS AND, THUS ALLOCATE TO THIS RACE HUGE SUMS OF MONEY THAT COULD BE OTHERWISE SPENT ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

OF COURSE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE AREA WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. TWO OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE UN ARE THE QUESTIONS OF THE PALESTINIANS AND CYPRUS. COULD YOU EXPAND ON THE IRANIAN STAND IN VIEW OF THESE TWO PROBLEMS?

A. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, IRAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUPPORTING THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS ISSUE WILL PROVE VERY HELPFUL TO SETTLING THE MIDDLE  
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EAST PROBLEM. IRAN HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED ALL THE UN RESO-

LUTIONS RECOGNIZING THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS AND THIS YEAR, WE HAVE EVEN GONE FURTHER BY BECOMING ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THIS RESOLUTION. ANY SOLUTION THAT FALLS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS AND IS BACKED BY ALL THE ARABS WILL CERTAINLY RECEIVE OUR FULL SUPPORT.

REGARDING CYPRUS, WE HOPE THAT THE RIGHTS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN THE ISLAND WILL BE PRESERVED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ISLAND'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND WE ALSO HOPE THAT ALL PRESENT DIFFERENCES WILL BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

Q. ANOTHER VITAL MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS THE IDEA OF MAKING THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE. SINCE THE ROYAL VISIT TO THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE, THE IDEA HAS RECEIVED MORE ATTENTION. WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT?

A. A RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED IN 1971 DECLARING THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE. THE AIM OF THE PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS MADE BY IRAN AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES, WAS TO STOP THE OCEAN BECOMING ANOTHER ARENA FOR MILITARY COMPETITION BETWEEN THE BIG POWERS. AS THE MONARCH SAID IN THE COURSE OF HIS ASIAN TOUR, THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION MUST TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROVIDE THE REGION'S SECURITY, SO THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY EXCUSE FOR THE BIG POWERS TO INTERVENE.

TO THIS END, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REGION'S STATES IS VERY IMPORTANT AND THE SHAHANSHAH'S PROPOSAL FOR CREATING A REGIONAL COMMON MARKET WILL SURELY FURTHER THE ABOVE AIM.

Q. THE YEAR 1975 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UN AS THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. SINCE YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS HAS ALWAYS PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE RIGHTS OF IRANIAN WOMEN, AND OUR ACTIVITIES IN THIS RESPECT EXTEND TO INTERNATIONAL BOUNDS AS WELL, COULD WE HAVE YOUR OPINION PLEASE ABOUT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES?

A. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN RECENT YEARS HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCREASED ITS EFFORTS TO MAXIMIZE THE ROLE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN FURTHERING SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. WHEN THE PROGRAM FOR THE SECOND DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT WAS APPROVED BY THE UN IN 1970, IT WAS STATED THAT WOMEN'S FULL PARTICIPATION IN ALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS SHOULD BE SOUGHT. THE DESIGNATION OF 1975 AS THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IS MEANT TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND ESTABLISH COMPLETE EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.

I HOPE THAT NEXT YEAR, THROUGH BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, THE ROLE THAT COULD BE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC EXPANSION WILL BE REALIZED, AND THE NEED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS RESPECT WILL BE CONSOLIDATED DESPITE SOME TRADITIONS THAT DICTATE OTHERWISE.

IN IRAN, WE ARE PLANNING TO HOLD AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NEXT SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS THE COOPERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN NATIONAL PLANNING, AND I HOPE ITS OUTCOME WILL BE POSITIVE. THE IRANIAN WOMEN'S SOCIETIES ARE ALSO PLANNING EXTENDED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER MY RETURN FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END QTE.  
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